THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to available information, a sum of Rs. 156.53 crores was due from the establishments in the private sector on account of provident fund arrears as on 31st March, 1989, as per break-up given below:-

	Rs. in crores
Unexempted establishments	61.86
Exempted establishments	94.67
	156.53

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Permanent Wage Review Body

453. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for a "Permanent Wage Review Body"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fourth Central Pay Commission has suggested setting up of a permanent body which should be responsible for maintaining and updating the basic data on pay and allowances of Government employees and to review the pay scales and rates of allowances and other related matters. The demand is that this suggestion of the Commission may be accepted in full. The Government after examination of this suggestion have not found it possible to accept the suggestion of the Commission and instead decided to set up a small compact unit in the Ministry of Finance for maintaining and updating the basic data of pay and allowances of Government employees and other related matters.

Development of Cities and Towns in Andhra Pradesh

454. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts sanctioned and disbursed for the development of various cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the HUDCO loans sanctioned and disbursed for various projects in the State during the above period; and

(c) the number of applications received so far from Andhra Pradesh Government and still pending with the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The details of amounts released for development of various cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Amount released			
	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	Total
IDSMT (Loans)	123.50	108.70	61.50	293.70
U.B.S. (Grant)	5.60	13.60	11.80	31.00
	129.10	122.30	73.30	324.70

(b) The details of HUDCO loans sanctioned and released for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Loan amount sanctioned	Loan amount released
1986-87	40.30	27.67
1987-88	42.61	31.82
1988-89	50.42	32.31
	133.33	91.80

(c) 158 schemes involving loan of Rs. 56.79 crores are in the pipeline and being processed by the borrowing agencies at the State level for submission to HUDCO for sanction.

Targets for Production of Crops

455. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets fixed for the production of various crops for the year 1988-89;

(b) what had been the actual yield of each crop; and

(c) whether the targets have exceeded the estimates and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) The targets and production of various crops for the crop year 1988-89 are given in the enclosed statement (See below)

(c) In the case of foodgrains, oilseeds and sugarcane, the production has exceeded the target during the crop year 1988-89 due to good weather conditions and increased utilization of improved inputs, larger availability of credit facilities, effective market support and extension services.

Statement

Target and Actual Production of various Crops for the Year 1988-89

Crops		Target of Production	Actual Production
Rice	(Million tonnes)	67.95	70.66*
Wheat	"	52.32	54.55*
Coarse Cereals	"	33.00	32.23*
Pulses	"	13.30	14.19*
Foodgrains	"	166.57	171.63*
Oilseeds	"	15.66	17.9
Sugarcane	"	195.00	204.63
Cotton	(Million Bales of 170 Kg. each)	9.78	8.69
Jute & Mesta	(Million Bales of 180 Kg. each)	9.20	7.70

*Likely.

Import of Chloride and Heptachlor Highly Toxic and Dangerous Chemicals

456. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of 31.8.89 regarding import of huge quantity of chloride and heptachlor highly toxic and dangerous chemicals which have been banned in the United States and partially banned in Bangladesh and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is the actual quantity alongwith the value of these chemicals imported from the United States stating the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL--